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From: Konkus, John
Sent: Monday, June 24, 2019 12:24 PM
To: Abboud, Michael <abboud.michael@epa.gov>
Subject: DRAFT

HEADLINE: Politico Misleads On Trump EPA's Progress Cleaning Up Superfund Sites

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From: abboud.michael@epa.gov [abboud.michael@epa.gov]
Sent: 6/24/2019 6:14:38 PM
To: Sauerhage, Maggie [Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Politico Misleads On Trump EPA's Progress Cleaning Up Superfund Sites

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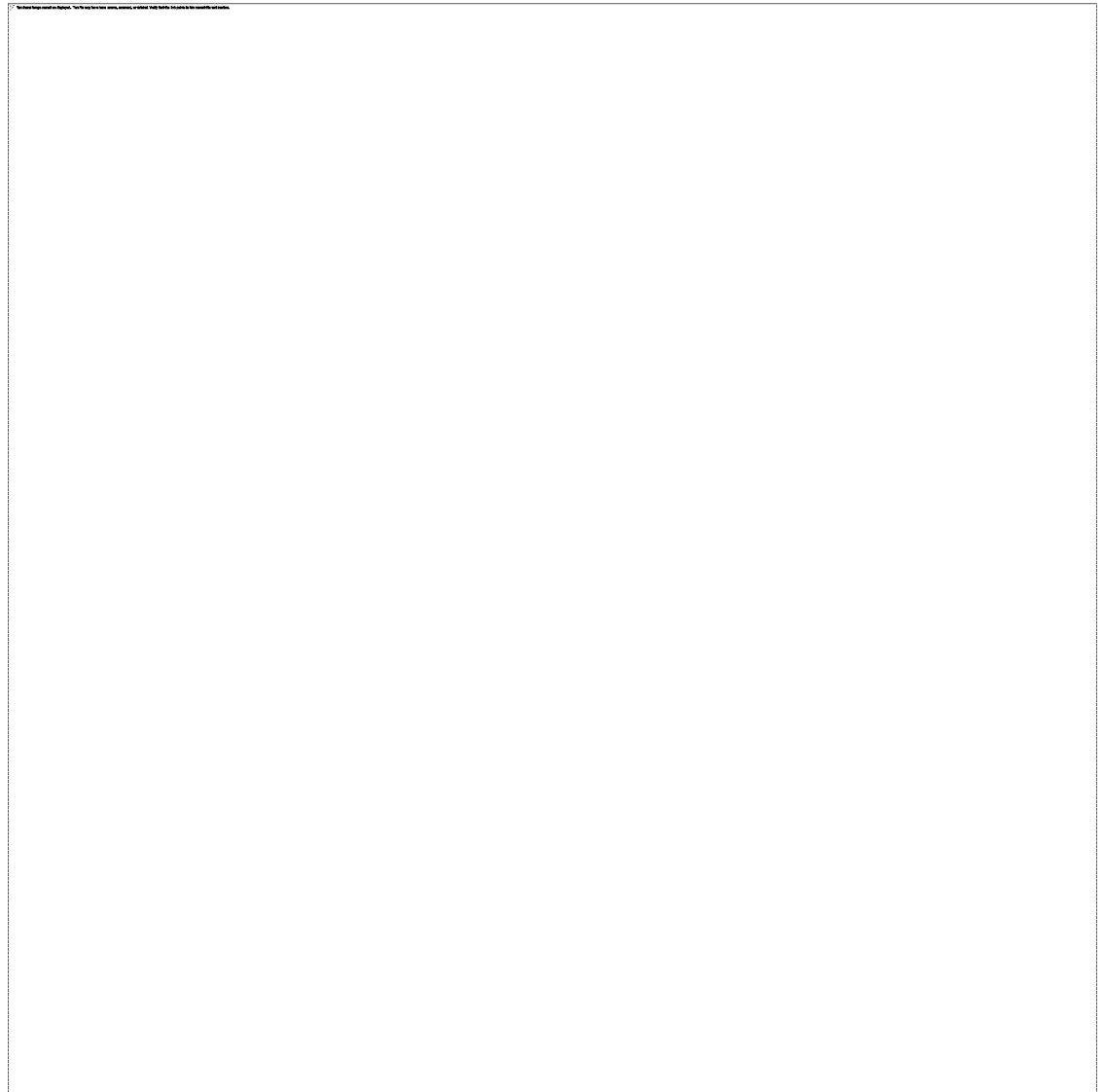
On Jun 24, 2019, at 2:11 PM, Sauerhage, Maggie <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov> wrote:

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Maggie Sauerhage
Office of Public Affairs
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Office: (202) 564-0443
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From: "EPA Press Office" <press@epa.gov>
Date: June 24, 2019 at 1:26:30 PM EDT
To: "Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov" <Sauerhage.Maggie@epa.gov>
Subject: Politico Misleads On Trump EPA's Progress Cleaning Up Superfund Sites
Reply-To: press@epa.gov



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Subject: Re: For Review: Politico Misleads On Trump EPA's Progress Cleaning Up Superfund Sites

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What did politico say? Is there a link?

Mike Soraghan
Reporter - E&E News
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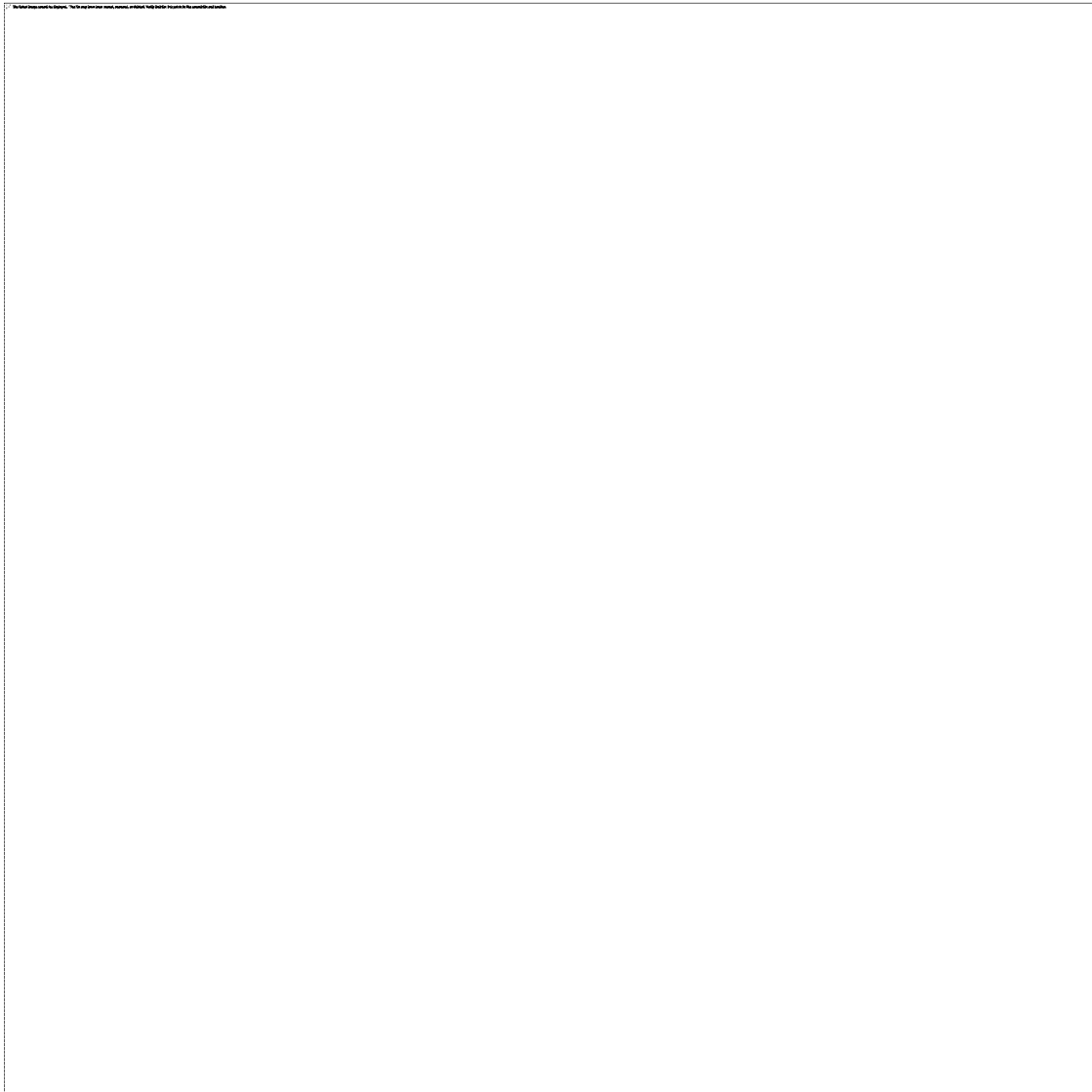


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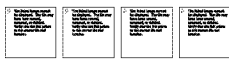
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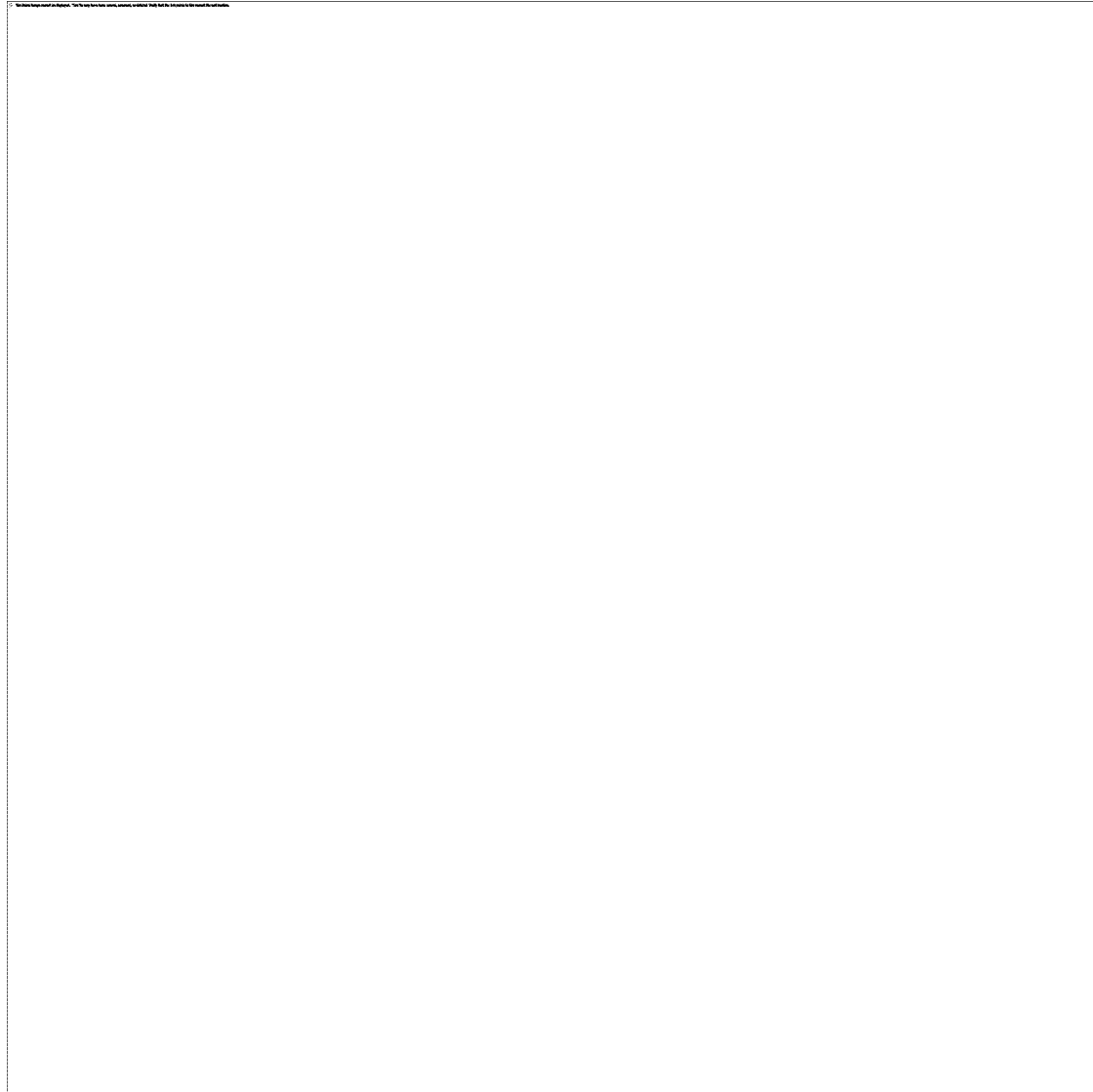
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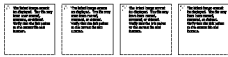
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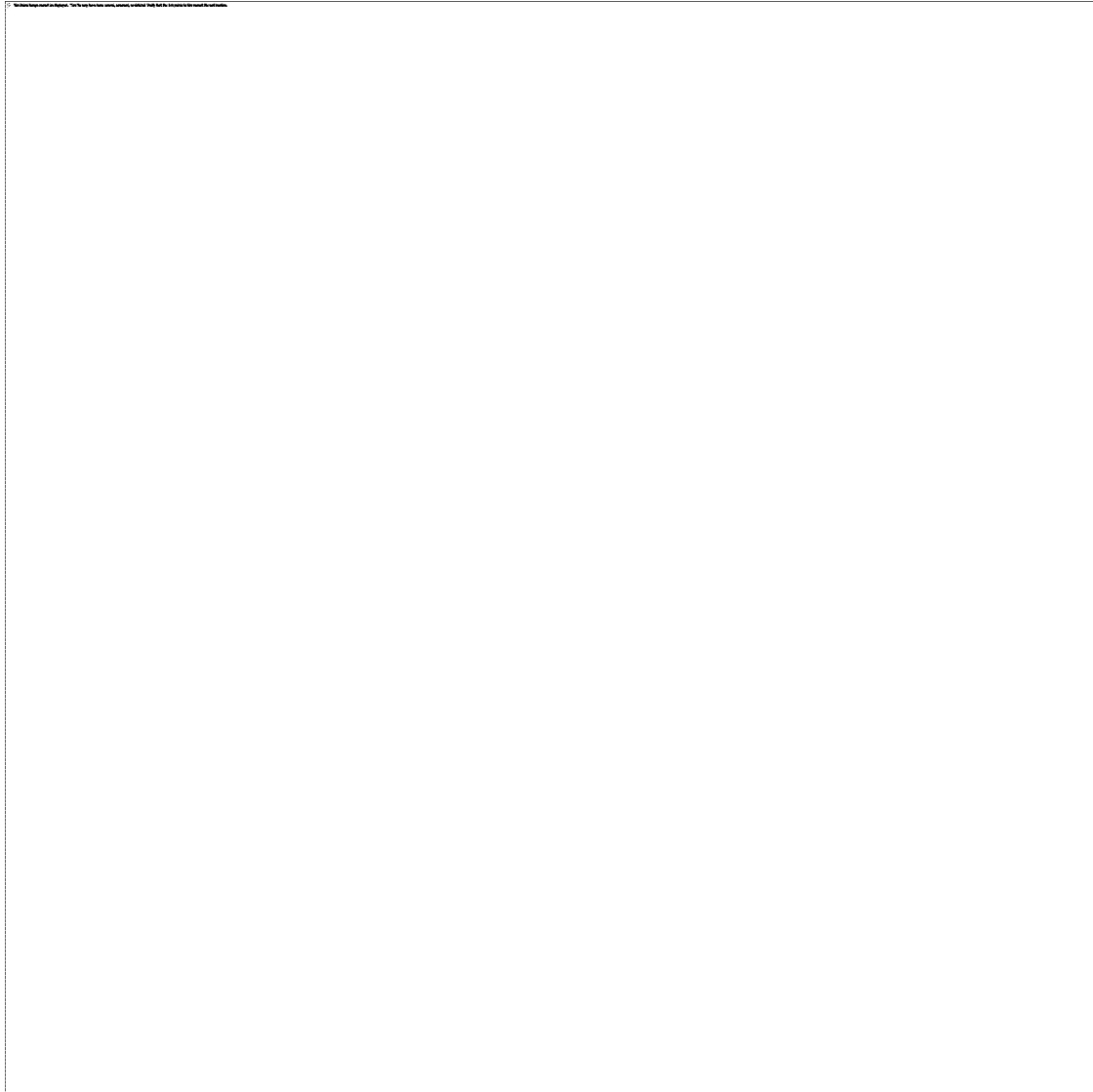


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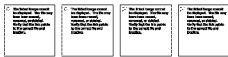
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Subject: Re: EPA watchdog says Superfund task force could have been more transparent

Nice.

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Reply-To: "POLITICO subscriptions" <reply-fe901c71776403797c-1159543_HTML-786581600-1376319-0@politicoemail.com>

By Alex Guillén

06/24/2019 10:51 AM EDT

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Subject: Newsroom: Politico Misleads On Trump EPA's Progress Cleaning Up Superfund Sites

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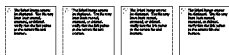
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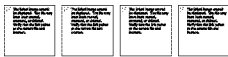


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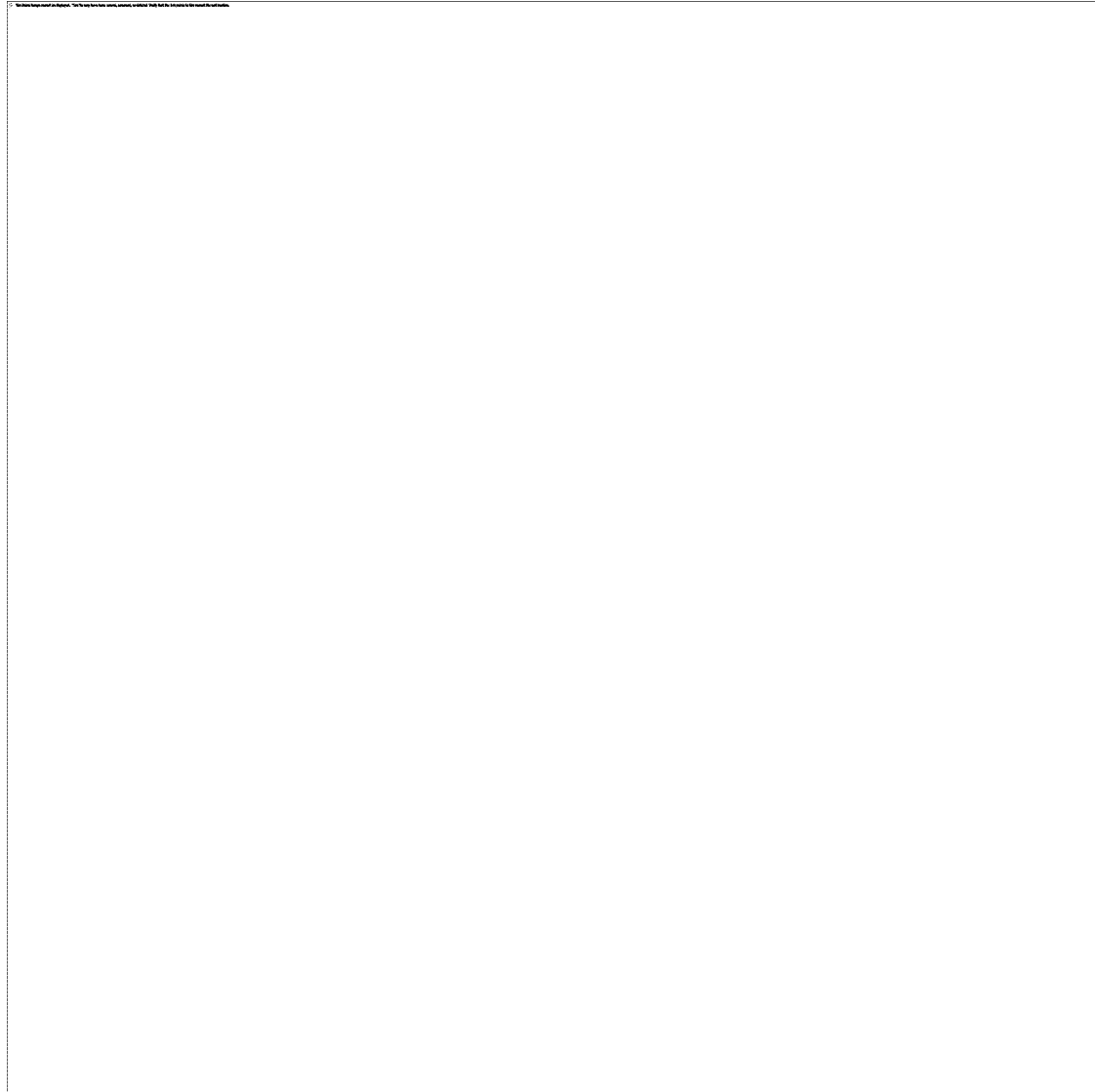
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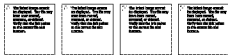
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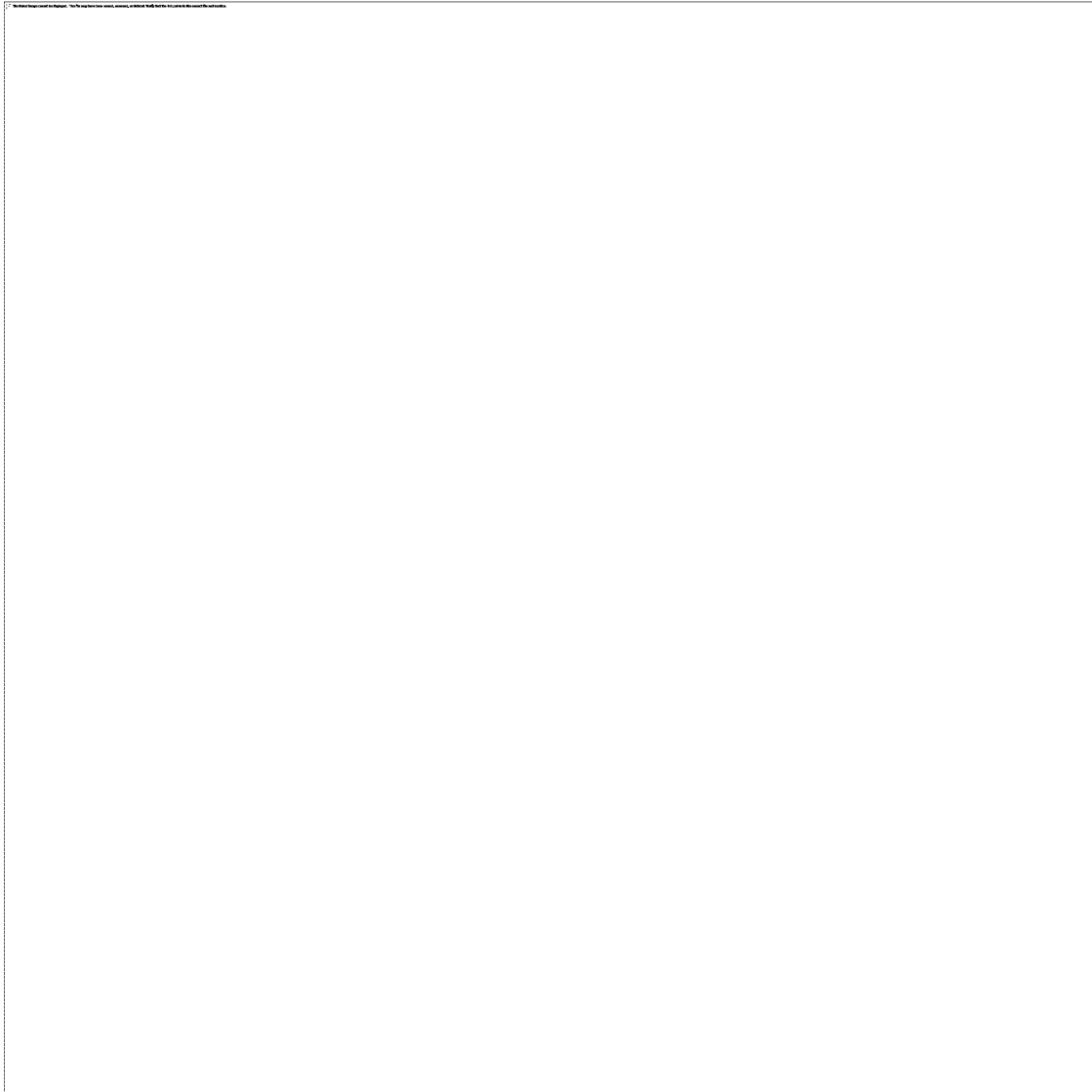
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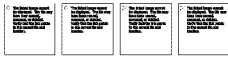
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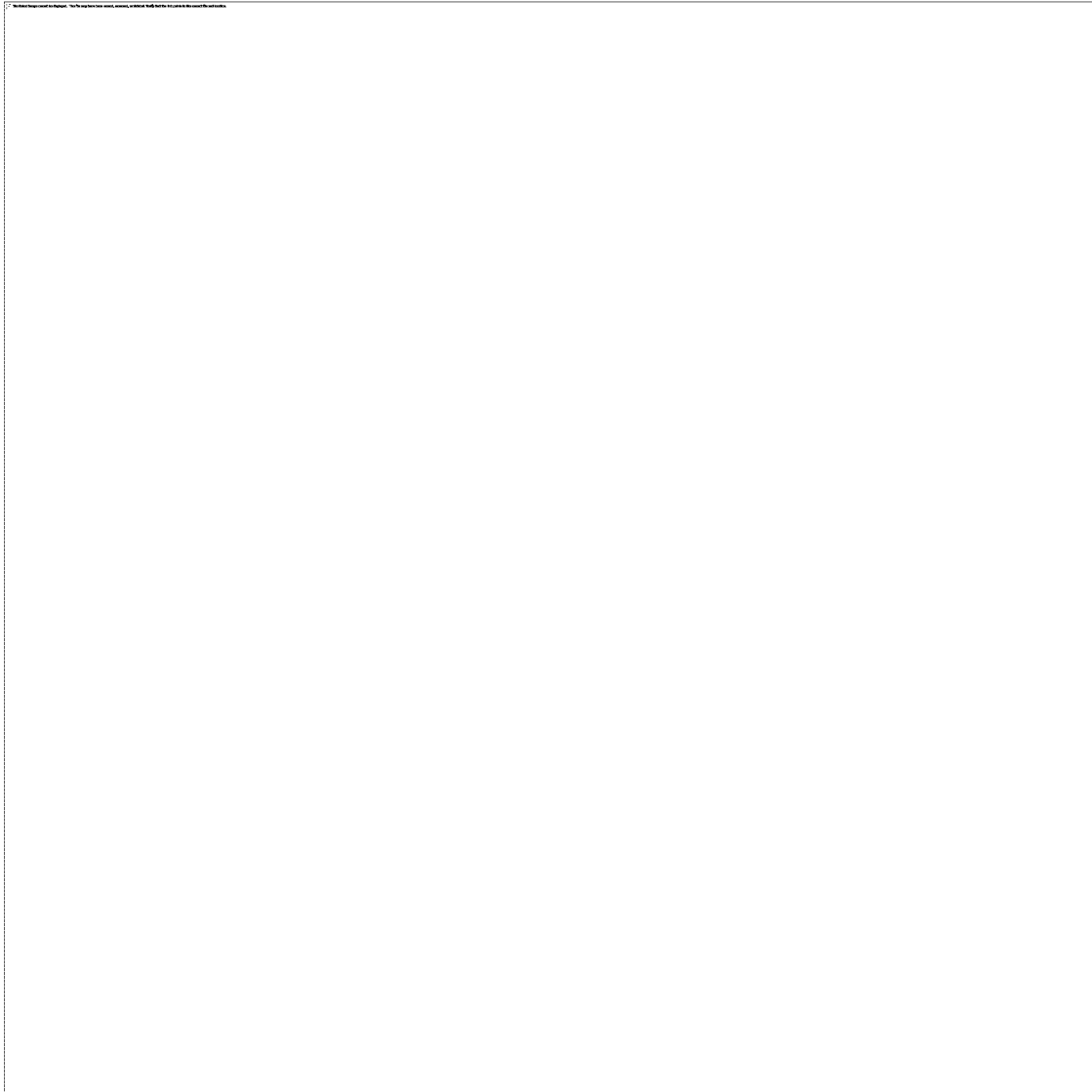
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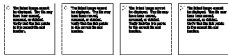
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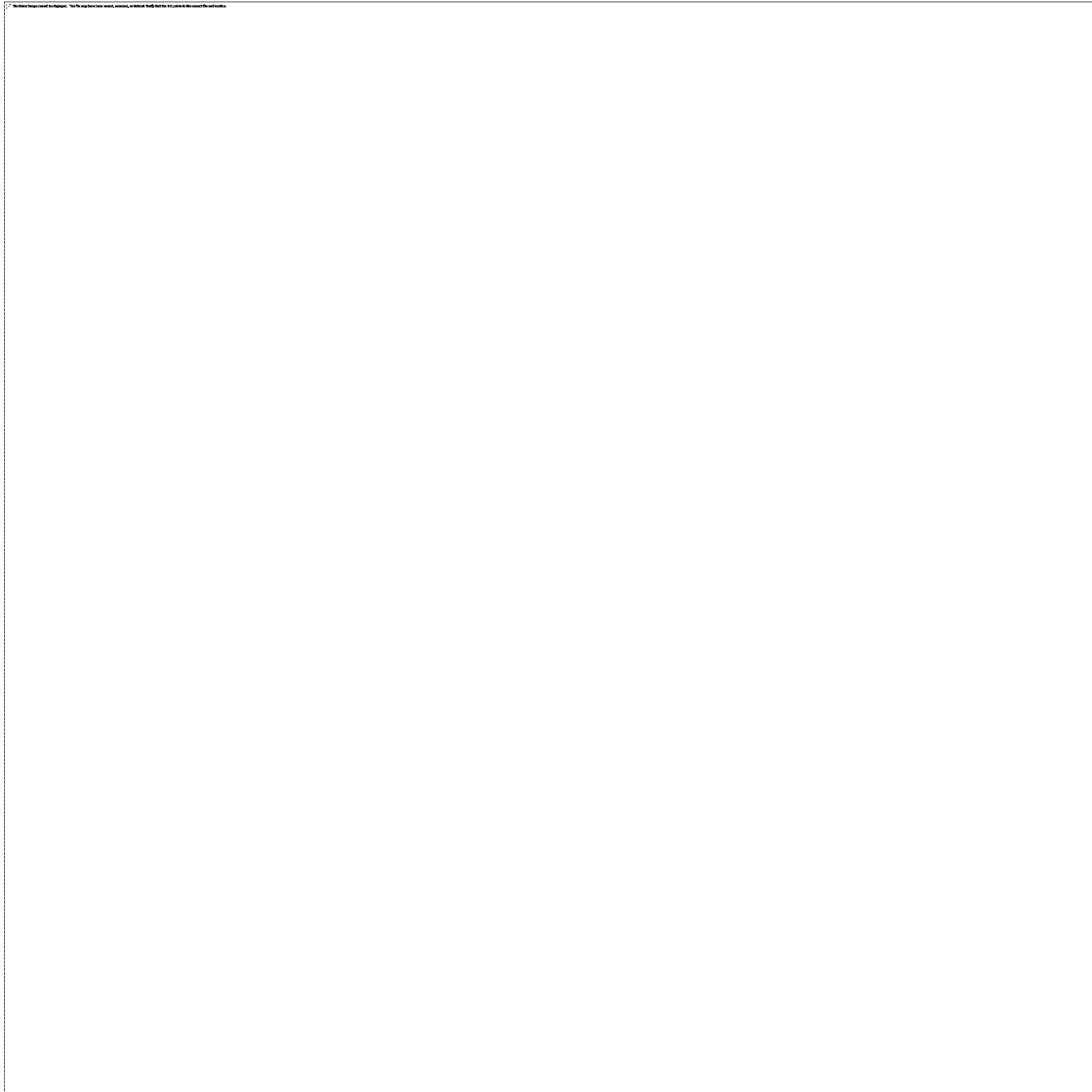
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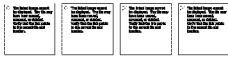
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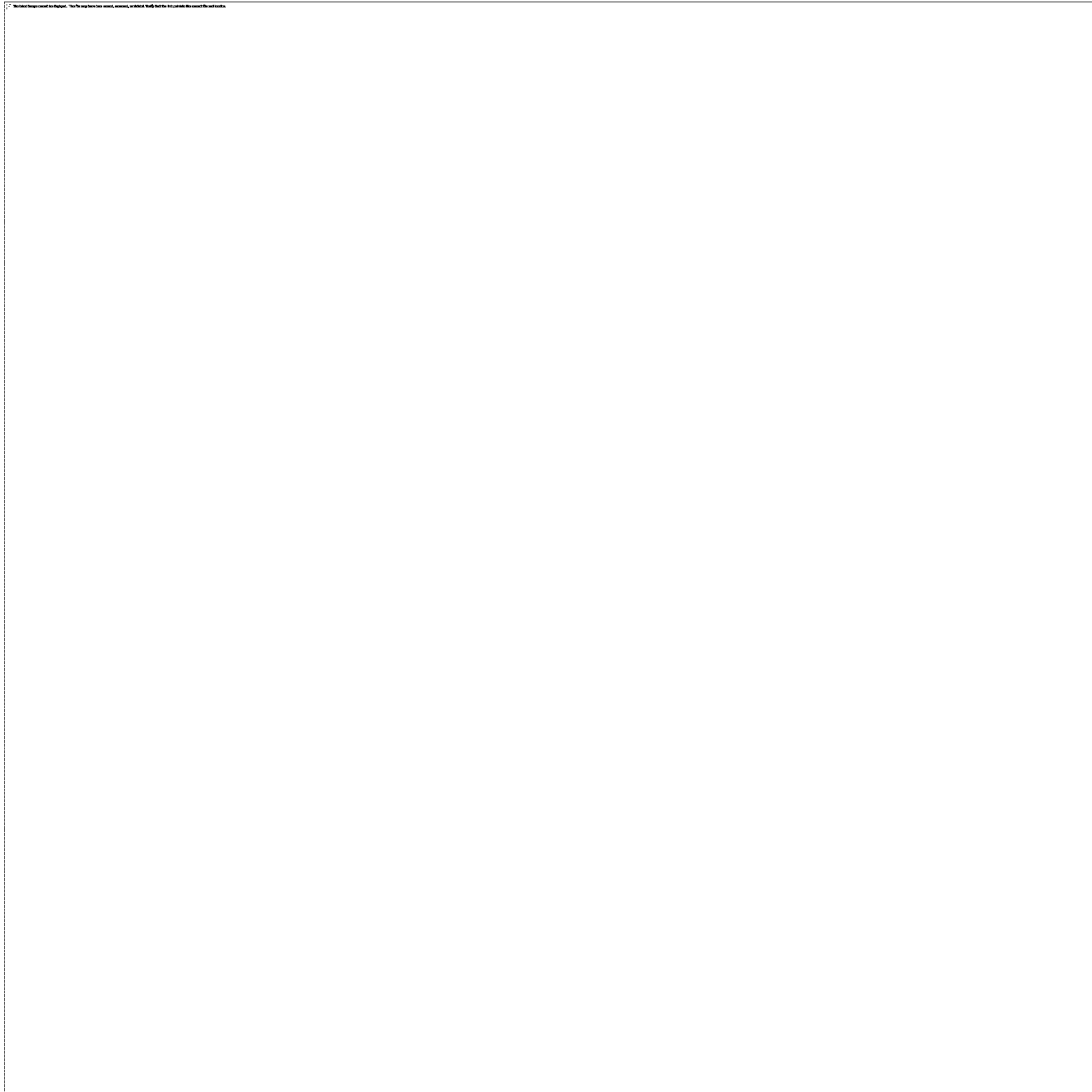
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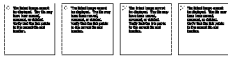
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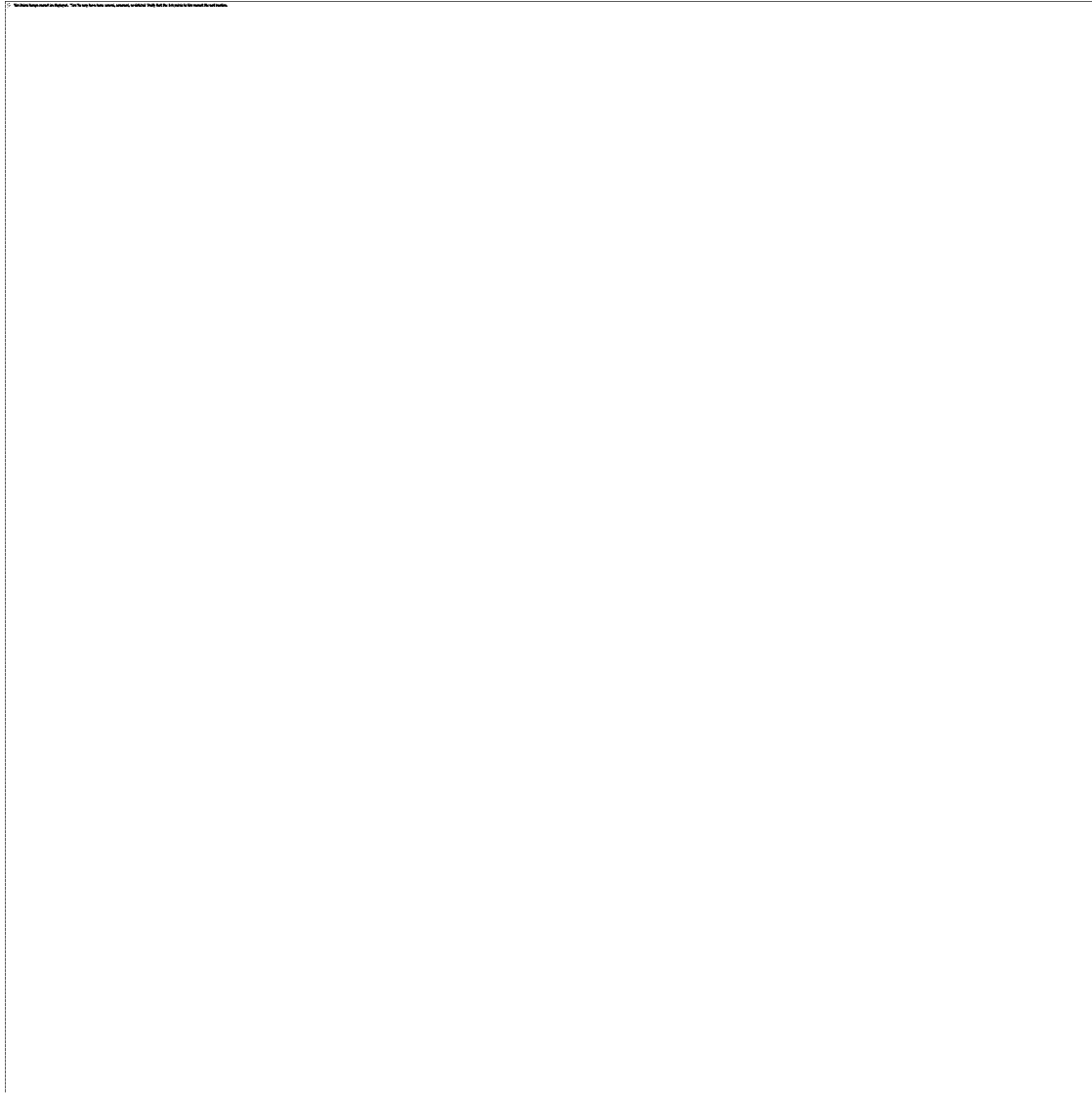
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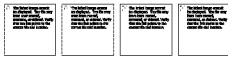
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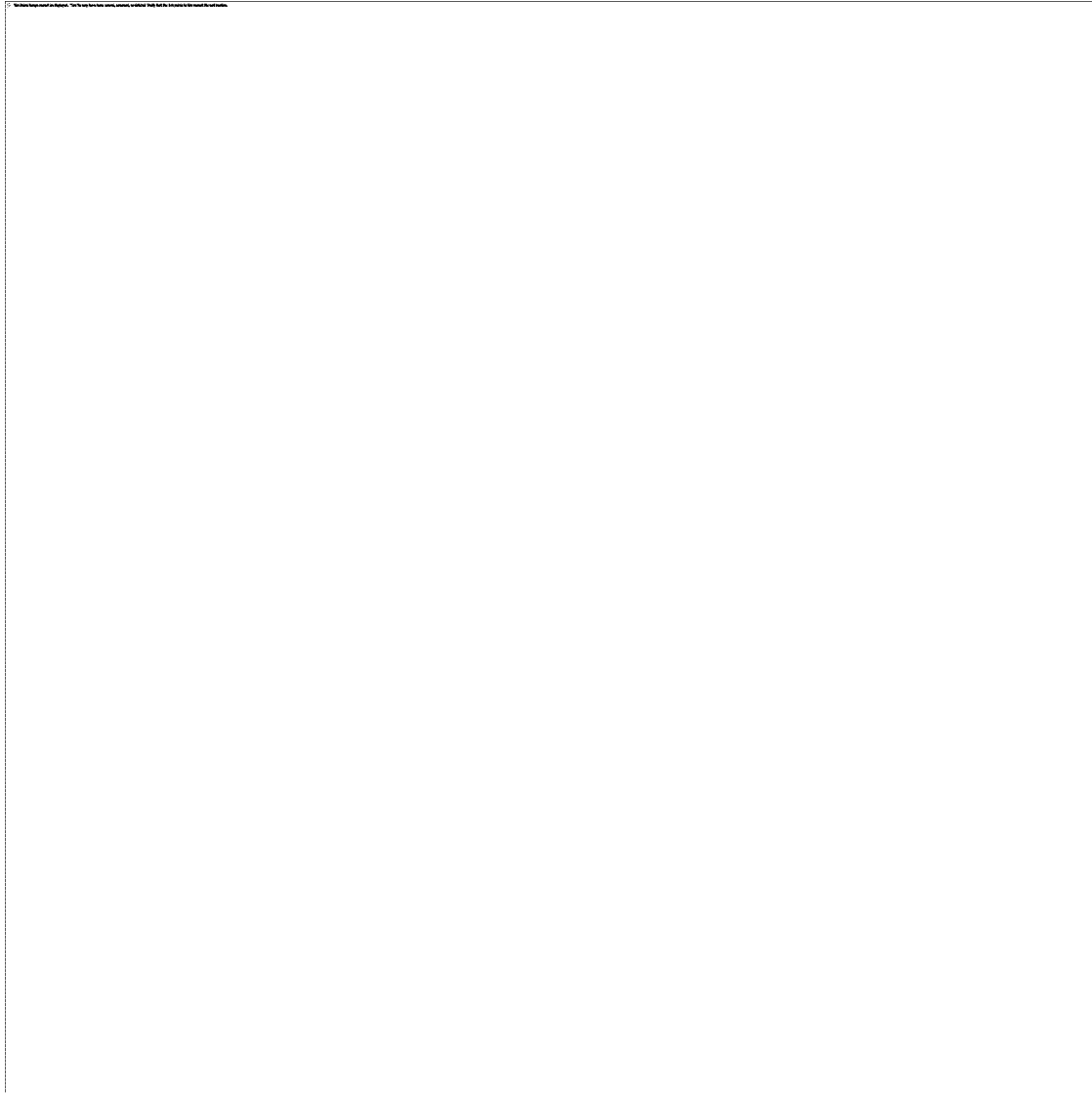
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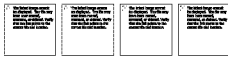
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